Dairymen Should Be Able To Hold Their Own Next Year

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

Dairy farmers should be able to hold their own, and perhaps gain a little ground in the current price-cost squeeze, during the next year.

Prospects for 1957 are for continued increases in sales and production of fluid milk, and perhaps some recovery in manufacturing milk production because of improved prices.

Production costs are likely to continue high.

With consumption per person staying about the same, sales of fluid milk continue to grow with the population, both in Virginia and in the nation. The funds for the special school milk program, which accounted for the use of 7 hundred million pounds of milk in the nation's schools during 1955-56 have been increased by 50 per cent for the current year. There is still room for considerable expansion of the program in Virginia.

There are several significant changes in production and distribution of milk which should be continually studied. For instance here are several nationwide trends in the distribution phase:

More milk still is being sold in glass containers than in paper, but paper containers are gaining.

Homogenized milk is rapidly replacing regular milk in nearly all markets studied.

The quart container, though still most widely used, is giving ground to the gallon and half-gallon sizes.

Specialized dairy stores and super markets are adding to the wholesale trade volume, with retail routes lagging.

Bulk dispensers in public eating places in some areas are replacing half-pint and 1-3-quart containers.

Virginia markets have apparently followed the national trends in some respects, but not in others.

On the production side also there are some trends that influence the long-run outlook for dairying. Nationwide, cow numbers are nearly 20 per cent below the 1944 peak, but milk production is up 7%. In Virginia cow numbers are down only 10 per cent while production is up 18% from 1944.

Deliveries of milk to plants in Virginia have increased about 100 per cent during the last decade.

In the dairy farm operation itself, certain changes are taking place. The scarcity of labor accompanied by rising wage rates encourages increased mechanization.

Large-scale operations are becoming the rule rather than the exception. These developments point to an increase in the capital requirements for entering and/or maintaining a profitable dairy operation. Under these conditions, it becomes increasingly important to emphasize efficiency in the use of labor, facilities, and equipment.

If the current nationwide tendency for production to outstrip sales continues, dairy producers will not enjoy the benefits of a seller's market in the future. It follows, then, that they must continue to bear the burden of a larger than necessary surplus, or prepare to bring production and consumption into a more even balance. Thus, the long-run dairy outlook can and will be influenced to a large extent by dairymen and processors. An excellent market is available. Their share of the market will depend upon their ability to provide dairy products in the form and at a price at which consumers will buy.

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NEWS from HOLLYWOOD

We read that Karl Malden had to gain up to 220 pounds for his role in "Baby Doll," get back to 175 for "The Jim Piersall Story," and then add more of "Bombers B-51" with just a little time in between.

We didn't think we would ever live to see the day when there would be a famine of actresses in Hollywood, but there is one today—of experienced actresses, that is. The trouble seems to be that, while there are numerous experienced actresses in Hollywood, the number with sufficient box-office allure are nave comparatively certain three or old for roles that are waiting to be cast, while others are still like the parts to which thy have been assigned.

Ernest Borgnine, Ray Milland and Nina Foch are to have the lead roles in "Three Brave Men," which Twentieth Century - Fox is producing.

Lola Fisher, who did such a wonderful job substituting for Julie Andrews in "My Fair Lady," when Julie became ill, is already set for film work. Julie, by the way, under a run-of-the-play contract, can't accept the big Hollywood money being offered her.

The makers of "The Bachelor Party" — Producer Harold Hecht, director Delbert Mann and writer Paddy Chayefsky, whose combined talents, along with those of Ernest Borgnine, brought out "Marty" — hope the same thing happens again. "The Bachelor Party" is being played by a cast of lesser-knowns.

Rocks

Rocks, Nov. 26.- The weather was very cold here a few days of last week.

A Sunday School and Training Union Study Course was held here last week. Rev. Joseph Darden taught the adult class. Mrs. Joseph Darden taught the intermediate class, and Mrs. Toby Inge taught the junior class. It was also Pastor Appreciation Week. On Monday quite a few sent him cards.

On Tuesday, the Training Union members presented the pastor with a gift. Wednesday night the choir members showered the pastor with handkerchiefs. On Thursday night the W. M. U. members gave him a pantry shower. Friday night the Y. W. A. and G. A. members gave something for the kitchen, and had a refreshment period at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph R. Darden. Saturday night a covered dish supper was given at the church and a love offering was presented the pastor from the Sunday School.

Quite a few had their children present on Thanksgiving Day. A Thanksgiving service was held at the church. The pastor brought a very fine message.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ransone, Jr. and Tommy, of Norfolk, spent a few days here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutson Dickerson and Danny, of Brookneal spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson.

Clarence Richardson and Herman were hunting in the mountains last week. Clarence got a nice deer while up there. Herman got one after coming home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh had his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh, from North Carolina, to spend a few days with them last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Williams and Steve, of Waynesboro, spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

DRYING OFF COWS IS IMPORTANT

There will be a loss in production for every day the dry period is shortened under 60 days. If a cow would produce 350 pounds of butterfat following a 60-day dry period, she will produce only around 313 pounds of butterfat with a one week dry period. Therefore, you'll lose 37 pounds of butterfat in production if you don't give dairy cattle an adequate drying off period before they're ready to calve again.

The cow needs the dry period to build up body reserves and cows may not produce as well if this freshening date never do as well as they should in the next lactation.

Three methods are commonly used by dairymen to dry off cows. One is called intermittent milking. The cow is milked once a day for several days, then once every other day for a few times, and then once every two or three days. It is a gradual procedure and additional time and work is required.

Another method is to milk the cow incompletely twice a day, leaving a good portion of the milk in the udder. This is also time - consuming.

Another, more popular method, is to completely stop milking. This is quicker and easier. The better cows will have full udders for several days after you stop milking. But if you don't interfere, the discomfort will gradually go down, and the milk will be reabsorbed.

Dry cows should receive special attention. Feed only a minimum amount of grain. Some dairymen believe that substituting hay for grass will lower the stimulation to produce milk. Instead of feeding milk-making rations, use dry, filling rations.

Don't turn a cow out to pasture and forget her while you are drying her off. Keep her close enough to the milking location so you can observe her every day until the udder becomes soft and pliable.

Sometimes a cow will have a case of mastitis when she is due to be dried off. Consult your veterinarian about such cases.

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ALERT LINEMAN

Ionia, Mich.- An alert telephone company lineman, perched atop a utility pole, spotted a red-haired escapee from the Michigan Reformatory, plugged in on the line and called police. Two prison guards picked up the escapee just minutes after the call.

Home Agent's Notes

Prepared by
Elizabeth W. Pancak e, Asst. Home Agent

Christmas Safety Begins at Home

1. Do buy a fresh tree. Bring it indoors as short a time before Christmas as possible.

2. Do place tree in water-filled, non-tippable container. Add water daily to lessen drying out.

3. Do not place tree near fireplace, heater, or stove; nor where it will block a stairway or exit.

4. Do use fire-resistant artificial snow under the tree, not inflammable cotton.

5. Do use metal and glass ornaments which will not burn—not paper and cotton ornaments.

6. Do not use lighted candles on tree or smoke near a tree.

7. Do use only electrical equipment with UL seal.

8. Do check for frayed wire, for loose connections, and for broken sockets before you light sets carried over from year to year.

9. Do not overload electrical circuits with lights or decorations.

10. Do turn the lights out before leaving the house.

Pumpkin Casserole

2 cups mashed pumpkin - canned or cooked
4 eggs beaten
1 cuy cream
2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
1 teaspoon salt
1-3 cup well buttered bread crumbs
Few almonds - blanched and slivered if desired.

Combine all ingredients, turn into buttered casserole. Top with well buttered crumbs combined with slivered almonds. Bake in moderately slow oven (325.f.) about an hour until lightly browned and puffy.

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Vicara is a vegetable fiber made from the protein in kernels of corn. It closely resembles wool, but is weaker than wool when wet. Its outstanding use is in blends with other fibers where it adds softness and comfort. Vicara is being used in limited amounts in blankets, upholstery fabrics, coats, and suits. Vicara launders easily and may be ironed at any temperature. But, because it is usually found in blends with other fibers that may need special care, it is a good precaution to examine the label for care instructions.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Time brings the truth to light. —Menander.

O tempora, O mores,
O whant times! what mortals!
—Cicero.

Backward, turn backward, O Time in your flight!
Make me a child again, just for tonight! —Elizabeth Akers Allen.

Manners and fortunes, humors turn with climes,
Tenets with books, and principles with times. —Pope.

Can ye not discern the signs of the times? —Mattieu, xvi,3.

These times of ours are serious and full of calamnity, but all times are essentially alike. —R. W. Emerson.

RESCUER HIT

Austin, Texas.- Asked by a mother to help her find her son after a Cub Scout meeting, Bob Jenkins, 9-year-old Cub Scout, spotted the child, Roger Erickson, Jr., 5, in the middle of the street. Bob ran out, snatched the boy and pushed him to safety, but was struck by an auto. He suffered a fractured arm.

GREYHOUND BUS SCHEDULE

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TO RICHMOND, VA.	TO LYNCHBURG, VA.
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3:34 P. M.	9:36 A. M.
7:14 P. M.	2:56 P. M.
11:07 P. M.	4:56 P. M.
	8:34 P. M.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, Nov. 27.- ... Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carson ... Thanksgiving holiday ... Crute Carson and family ... mond, and Mr. and Mrs. ... (Buddy) Carson, of Rustb...

Mrs. John W. Hix's Thanksgiving guests were Miss Frances ... Richmond; Tom Hix, of the ... sity of Richmond, and Mr. ... H. Oliver, of Prospect.

Last Wednesday, Mrs. ... Hix was taken to the ... Hospital in Farmville, ... was treated for a virus ... She returned to her home ... day.

Robert Walker Cottrell ... rushed to the Virginia Baptist ... pital in Lynchburg on ... He underwent an emergency ... tectomy. He is reported ... treatment and is expected ... rome this week.

Two Lynchburg ladies, Mrs. ... Burrus and Wooldridge ... of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. ... several days last week.

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Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

There is a special sort of respect and attachment that exists between boys and girls who play on the same team and their coach. I am glad so long as the sands of time flow through the hour-glass allotted to the members of the 1956 Appomattox High School football squad they will brag about having played games for the school, in spite of its top seasons. And in the years to come the seniors will never think of Gordon Bragg by any other way than "Coach." Not a brief experience as a player, I coached baseball and football at a Virginia high school for seasons. My top team was an undefeated girls basketball team. I needed to run one forward who just couldn't miss! "Get the ball to Nick' and it was two points for him right up there with the angels." I had a great thrill a few years ago when a young matron came up to me while visiting in Richmond, Virginia, and said, "Hello, Coach!" So help me, she was one of my former basketball players. I was proud of that; "Coach." And when I think of Gordon Bragg and the fine influence he has been on the young men of our community, I think of one of the most admirable characters I ever knew, next to Frank M. Dobson, of the University of Richmond.

Ah yes, at his home in Carlisle, Texas, this past Saturday, Frank Dobson passed away. How can I control the keys of this typewriter to tell what "Coach" Dobson meant to my formative years!

I was a kid with wild-eyed wordpainting for all in authority places of leadership when I went to Richmond College in 1922. Then, I was to sit spell-bound under wonderful years before great Samuel Chiles Mitchell, giant of history and eloquence; before Robert C. Astrop, H. Sandy, R. E. Loving, William A. Harris and other top instructors in classrooms, But I was determined to have a well-rounded college career. I was determined to be a journalism. As a freshman I tried out for the cross-country team, then the tennis team, became head proofreader, and was the student manager of baseball. In all I earned nine letters. But, looking back on it now I realize that it was the personal magnetism of Coach Frank M. Dobson that made the gymnasium a great place on the campus. The fact that U. of R. baseball team for years was student manager, was steady. Ray is in a 50-50 working partnership with his Dad. He has worked steadily at farming since graduation, investing a little more every year in trying to improve his farming situation. Ray has established grass waterways on the farm where needed. He rotates his pastures and crop land. He limes his land as it needs it. He clips his pastures to control weeds. He plants recommended hybrid varieties of corn. He plants recommended variety of alfalfa and follows the experiment station recommendations in fertilizing it.

In Young Farmer work, Ray has really made progress in 1956. This year he is serving as president of the local association. He has been a delegate to the District and the State Conventions of Young Farmer Association. He has been a member of the State Young Farmer contest committee.

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HEBRON 4-H CLUB

The Hebron Community 4-H Club met Tuesday, Dec. 3, in the home of Gene Carson. We elected new officers at this meeting. The officers are as follows:

President, Gene Carson
Vice-president, Winnie Lee
Secretary, Laura Carson
Treasurer, Madelyn Bondurant
Reporter, Barbaar Lee
Song leaders: Eloise Bondurant, and Betty Jane Alvis.

Each member picked out projects for the coming year Mr. Ayers showed a movie about the 4-H Club Congress. We were served delicious refreshments, after which Mr. Smith helped us plan the meetings for the coming year. Mrs. Anderson presented checks to the winners in the Farm Show. —Reporter.

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Achievement Program Set For Dec. 14

The Appomattox County 4-H Achievement Day Program has been scheduled for Friday evening, December 14, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Appomattox Elementary School.

County award medals will be given on these members who have conducted the most outstanding project work in 1956. These awards are based on quality of work, exhibits and record books.

Club members who have contributed most to their individual club will also receive recognition pins.

Highlight of the program will be an illustrated talk by Miss Mildred Crawford, 1955 International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to Israel. Because of the importance of the IFYE Program, the international importance of the near East and because of the approaching Christmas season, which first occurred in this area, Jim Smith, County Agent, said that many other than 4-H members and parents, may enjoy the presentation. This program is open to anyone who cares to attend.

Ray Page Is Named Top Farmer

Ray Page, of Route 4, Appomattox, has been elected as the outstanding young farmer of the year by the local Young Farmer Association. Members of the Association voted Ray as their outstanding member of the year based on his farming program and his activities in the Association.

Ray has been active in the local Young Farmer Association since 1954. He is a graduate of Appomattox High School, Class of 1951. He received four years of training for farming in the high school vocational agriculture department. He served as the F. F. A. treasurer in 1950-51. He has been farming on the home farm since graduation.

Progress on the Page farm since Ray finished high school has not been spectacular, but it has been steady. Ray is in a 50-50 working partnership with his Dad. He has worked steadily at farming since graduation, investing a little more every year in trying to improve his farming situation. Ray has established grass waterways on the farm where needed. He rotates his pastures and crop land. He limes his land as it needs it. He clips his pastures to control weeds. He plants recommended hybrid varieties of corn. He plants recommended variety of alfalfa and follows the experiment station recommendations in fertilizing it.

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Mrs. Lemen Speaks Before Woman's Club

The members of the Woman's Club of Appomattox and their guests had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Janice Lemen, Associate Professor of Art at Longwood College, Farmville, Monday afternoon in the Elementary School auditorium.

Mrs. Lemen gave a very interesting and informative talk on Contemporary Art, illustrated with colored slides. She took the late 19th Century French impressionists, and showed how their work has influenced modern day or 20th Century artists. She showed excellent examples of abstract art, in which color and pattern form an important part of the total picture. Many of the present-day artists express their sub-conscious, rather than their conscious thoughts, and these are usually difficult for the layman to understand.

In Mrs. Lemen's talk, she tried to explain what the artist was working towards, so that artists and laymen can better understand the contemporary artists's work today.

Mrs. L. I. Stanley introduced the speaker.

RECITAL PARTY FOR PIANO PUPILS

On Saturday, Dec. 1, Mrs. Murrell Ferguson entertained a group of her piano pupils and their mothers with a recital party. The children played Christmas and winter selections, after which refreshments were served, carrying out the Christmas theme. Those taking part were: Kathryn Taylor, Herbie Pulliam, Linda Carter, Jane Stanley, Nancy Boney, Jean Cole, Carolyn Coleman, Mary Lou Jamerson, Mary Y. Spencer, Carolyn Carter, Charlotte Lawson, Patricia Ferguson, Joan Moses and Betty Watson.

JOINT MEETING OF CLUBS WAS HELD HERE MONDAY

A joint meeting of the Appomattox Garden Club and the Junior Woman's Club was held at the new Elementary School on November 27. A short business session was conducted by each club prior to a work-shop demonstration of Christmas arrangements, conducted by Mrs. William W. Burke. The meeting was well attended and was very instructive.

To Contract For Vegetable Acreage in Co.

Since the recent announcement of its expansion program, Famous Virginia Foods Corporation reports extensive farmer interest in Bedford, Campbell, Amherst, Appomattox, Augusta and Rockbridge Counties. The food processing firm now announces that it will commence issuing its 1957 grower contracts January 1. A total of 1,450 acres of cucumbers, green tomatoes and three types of peppers will be used from this area. Cucumbers will form the major crop, but peppers are increasing rapidity in both consumer and grower interest.

Receiving stations will be established in each growing area where the acreage justifies them. Field men will work closely with farmers to assist them in growing maximum crops.

This past summer peppers were grown on a commercial basis for the first time in Bedford and Campbell Counties. While the weather was adverse throughout the area, the farmers were well pleased with their results. A. T. Powell, of Concord produced $1,512.50 of peppers on two and a half acres, with a yield of better than 500 bushels to the acre. The leading green tomato grower was R. G. Burnette, of Goode. Mr. Burnette's yield was 431 bushels from 4,000 plants (less than one acre) for a cash return of $688.75.

The dates and locations of grower meetings in each county will be arranged before the end of the year, and these will be announced December 27.

School Band To Give Carol Recital Here

The Appomattox County Band, under the direction of Joyce Wingfield, will present a program of Christmas Carols and music Thursday, December 13, beginning at 8 o'clock, at the Appomattox High School auditorium. The program will include the well-known Carols and in addition such selections as White Christmas, Jingle Bells, and Bells of Christmas.

Both the Beginning Band and the Advanced Band will take part. Also on several numbers, the audience will be invited to join in the singing.

Every citizen in the county is invited to attend this program. There will be no charge for admission, but an offering will be taken at the intermission. This offering will go towards buying new and appropriate music for the band.

A. H. S. Wins Opening Game From Nelson

The Appomattox High School Blue Hornets opened their basketball season Tuesday night with a 44 to 32 win over Nelson County High School, in a Group 2 District 4 league game. The scoring was made by the following boys: Raymond Ferguson, 6 points; Raymond Massie, 6; Cecil Doss 2; Sandy Burks 4; Joey George, 4; Bradley Babcock, 11; Leon Edmunds, 2; Tommie O'Brien, 2; Freddie Mitchell, 7.

The Blue Hornets will play Virginia Episcopal School here Friday night.

The A. H. S. Junior Varsity will play E. C. Glass freshmen, starting at 7:30, and the game between the A. H. S. Varsity and V. E. S. will follow. Junior Varsity players are: Jack Tibbs, Cecil Wooldridge, Charles Crawley, Brian Thomas, Steve Rankle, Glenn Morris, Dicky Guill, Bill Caldwell, Carrol Ferguson, Brod Pack, Palmer Moore, Bobby Connor, L. N. Garrette, and Gerald Price.

On Wednesday night, Dec. 12, the Appomattox girls and boys will play Rustburg H. S. here in a group and league game.

The Appomattox girls team, led by Frankie Doss, with 35 points, won over the Nelson County girls Tuesday night by a 55 to 40 score. The following girls make up the team this year: Rachel Austin, Betty Baldwin, Laura Carson, Janice Catlett, Ann Cunningham, Frankie Doss, Joella Ferguson, Janice McClenny, Mary A. McDearmon, Virginia Megginson, Stella Rosser, Frances Sanders, Mildred Tolley and Hilda Woody.

County Asked For Relief Aid To Hungary

Appomattox Chapter of American Red Cross has been given a quota of $132.00 to Help Hungary. The nation is trying to raise five million dollars for this cause, and other countries are joining in this effort.

Tragic suffering of the people of Hungary has caused every American to want to send help. The Red Cross has been asked to assume responsibility for the refugees. Medical supplies, food, blankets, and other necessities are being sent to the stricken area. The Red Cross needs additional funds for this help

Contributions may be mailed to Mrs. Mary S. Hudson, Fund Treasurer, Appomattox, Va.

B. C. Harvey is Fund Chairman.

Over 100,000 people have visited the Navy's historic submarine, PERMIT, since she has been tied up at the Philadelphia Navsl Base where she served as a training ship for reservists since 1946.

WOULD ELIMINATE PART OF SUPPORT ON LEAF

Rep. W. M. Abbitt said this week he felt the tobacco subcommittee of which he is chairman would recommend taking price supports away from pais, thin and unsalable tobacco, the AP said.

He said the thin flue-cured tobacco grown on overcrowded plots has created a huge surplus and has resulted in a 20 per cent cut in allocations for next year.

VANCE SAYS CUT TO COST VA. GROWERS $13 MILLION

The 20 per cent reduction in 1957 flue-cured tobacco allotments announced this week by Secertary of Agriculture Benson will cost Virginia bright tobacco growers at least $13,000,000, according to John B. Vance, President of the Virginia Farmers Union.

Red Cross Chapter Had Meeting Mon.

Red Cross representatives met at the Appomattox High School Library on Monday night, Dec. 3, to make plans for the Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to Appomattox County.

Next visit for the Bloodmobile will be on Thursday, December 27, at Liberty Baptist Church. The Bloodmobile will be in operation from 11:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.

Mrs. H. Y. Spenser, president of the Appomattox Woman's Club, has reported that the Woman's Club voted Dec. 3 to assume responsibility for the Bloodmobile Canteen serving refreshments and drinks for donors and workers.

Principal speaker at the Red Cross meeting was Malcolm Hart, representing the Regional Blood Center in Roanoke. Mr. Hart stressed the point that residents of Appomattox County are receiving more blood than they have donated. If the program in Appomattox is to continue, there must be a substantial increase in donors. Mr. Hart felt that a goal of 100 pints was not excessive, since the Bloodmobile is visiting Appomattox only twice a year.

Figures on the number of donors versus number of recipients of blood from Appomattox County will be released next week.

Local representatives of the Appomattox Red Cross Chapter endorsed Mr. Hart's statements, and will strive for a top showing for the coming Bloodmobile.

NEW BOOK IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY

The Unicorn and other poems by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

In this book, Anne Lindbergh brings together, for the first time, a representative selection of her work as a poet written between 1935 and 1955. Some of these poems have appeared in magazines; many have never been published, among them the long poem that gives the book its title. Here is her poet's response to the great experience of life; to love and death, to the joy of flight, to art and nature, to the impact of a world at war. Anne Lindbergh looks at herself and the people and things around her with clarity, simplicity, directness. Each experience is distilled to its essence, probed to its depth. And in careful and relentless work the form is sought that will give it the truest and also the most grateful expression.

EVERGREEN S. C. A.

The Evergreen S. C. A. held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Nov. 29. The president, Fred Martin, Jr., called the meeting to order. The program was centered around the Christmas holiday. Those from our school who attended the District Meeting in Appomattox were: Brenda Clapp, Fred Martin, Jr., Donald Hamilton and Wanda Kaye LeGrande, and Emelia Bruce. Mrs. E. T. Bruce took the pupils to the meeting. It was decided to have a Christmas program centered around the customs and legends of Christmas, with a visit from Santa Claus, to be presented before the P.-T. A. on Friday night, Dec. 21.

—Patsy Farrar, Reporter.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson today announced a marketing quota of 932 million pounds for the 1957 crop of flue-cured tobacco. This quota for the 1956-58 marketing year compares with the 1956-57 quota of 1,130 million pounds.

The 1957-crop quota announced today will result in acreage allotments totaling about 712,600 acres, compared with 887,600 acres allotted in 1956. This will mean a reduction of about 20 per cent for individual farms.

Virginia has a 1957 flue-cured tobacco allotment of 71,284 acres, which compares with a 1956 allotment of 89,010 acres.

As in the past, a very small acreage will be reserved for allotments to farms on which no flue-cured tobacco was grown under allotments during the past five years for corrections, and for adjusting inequalities among individual farm allotments.

The law requires that the Secretary of Agriculture proclaim tobacco marketing quotas each year after the total supply once exceeds the reserve supply, except where quotas have been voted down for three consecutive years since 1952.

In a referendum July 23, 1955, a total of 97.3 per cent of the flue-cured tobacco growers voting favored quotas for the 1956, 1957, and 1958 crops. Marketing quotas have been in effect for flue-cured tobacco each year since the enactment of the Agricultural Adjustment of 1938, except for the 1939 crop, for which they were disapproved by growers.

Commenting on the substantial reduction in acreage required under the national flue-cured tobacco marketing quota announced today, Secretary Benson said:

"I regret the need for reducing flue-cured tobacco acreage allotment in 1957 for the third successive year. For the first time, though flue-cured allotments will be reduced in 1957 to a point where they are less than they were in 1940, the first year quotas were fixed on an acreage basis under present legislation.

"Under the law, however, I have no alternative. The flue-cured quota for 1957 has been set at the highest possible level the law allows. To do this, we have given effect to the entire 5-per cent discretionary leeway above the formula level that the law allows the Secretary in order to avoid undue restriction of marketings.

"The simple fact is that our farmers' own efficiency in recent years has boosted yields per acre to a record high, which results in a smaller acreage allotment. For the 5-year period 1926-33, yields averaged 707 pounds per acre; for 1934-38, the average had increased to 856 pounds; for 1939-43, the average was 966 pounds; and for 1952-56, per-acre yields averaged 1,361 pounds. Flue-cured tobacco yields reached an all-time high in 1956, now estimated at 1,573 pounds per acre. Naturally, with such high

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Demonstration Club Schedule

Schedule of meetings of Home Demonstration Clubs:

Monday, Dec. 10.- The Bethany Home Demonstration Club will meet at 1:30 P. M. with Mrs. R. E. Harris. Each member is asked to bring a wrapped package for the club banner, which will be held at the meeting.

Tuesday, Dec. 11.- Clover Hill club will meet at 7:30 P. M., with Mrs. Ann Smith for their annual Christmas meeting. There will be a gift exchange and Christmas boxes prepared for club members who are in that list.

Thursday, Dec. 13.- The 16 County Home Demonstration Clubs are holding their annual Christmas program at the Educational Center of Liberty Baptist Church at 2 P. M. Members are requested to bring a home or farm produced gift for exchange.

Friday, Dec. 14.- The 25 4-H Clubs of Appomattox County are holding their annual Achievement Day program at 7:30 P. M. at the Appomattox Elementary School.

Saturday, Dec. 15.- The home demonstration club members are serving the District All-Star Luncheon at the Appomattox Elementary School at 1 P. M.

Dec. 10-15: Appomattox County 4-H Clubs will meet at the individual schools.